

St Anthony's



Spring 2 2026

READING NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back, it's been a busy start to 2026 with reading in St Anthony's. This year, is the National Year of Reading, as a school we have already taken part into different online events and we will continue to throughout the year. We, like all countries and trying hard to reverse a sharp decline in reading for pleasure. Thank you for taking the time to read our news letter.

What is in this term's issue?

- Storytelling Week
- World Book Day
- Reading Ambassadors
- Guess whose behind the story.

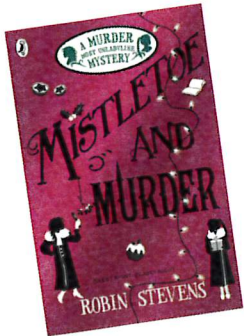
STORYTELLING WEEK

On the week beginning the 2nd February 2026 it was National Storytelling week. Each class started the week with an online workshop either focusing on orally retelling stories through music or rapping. The children then worked with their reading buddies to orally retell stories together or share their favourite stories.



Our Reading Ambassadors

Our Reading Ambassadors have continued to be a huge part of promoting a love of reading throughout the school. They come down and hear our younger children read daily and also read to the children.



Interview with a reading ambassador

Name: Alice

Favourite author: Katie Kirby

Favourite illustrator: Nick Sharratt

Favourite book: Mistletoe and Murder

Favourite character: Lottie Brookes

The best thing about reading: I like that I can picture the story in my head.



Book Club with Jenny McLachlan



We have been so lucky to be able to take part in a weekly book club with Jenny MacLachlan. Each week, she talks us through some of her stories and introduces us to a new illustrator. We learn to draw characters from different stories.



Look at our our some of amazing illustrations



UPCOMING READING MORNINGS

- 3rd March
- 14th April
- 5th May
- 2nd June

Location: Activity Studio

Time: 8:25-8:45

Bring a book and enjoy reading to your child before school.

WORLD
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World Book Day

This year, World Book Day is the Thursday 5th March. This year, we ask that the children come to school dressed as a word. Please don't feel you have to buy anything extra... just use your creativity skills. Here are some

ideas:



Throughout the day, there will be lots of activities to celebrate a love of reading within our school. We can't wait to share in our next newsletter pictures of the events that took place.

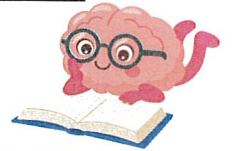
We have a World Book Day competition to set. We challenge you to design a National Book Token competition. We will attach the template to this newsletter and a link for more details. Please if you do complete it hand it in to your class teacher by Tuesday 23rd February so that we can post them. Good Luck 😊



Nel from Year 2 Lisbon was inspired by one of the books from our library to create this fantastic piece of art work at home. Well done Nel! You're a superstar!

Who is behind each story?

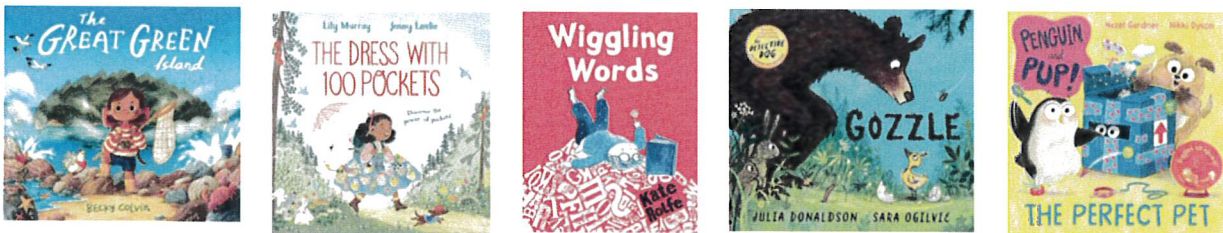
Can you guess the member of staff that is hiding behind the stories? They've been caught reading some of books to promote positive mental health.



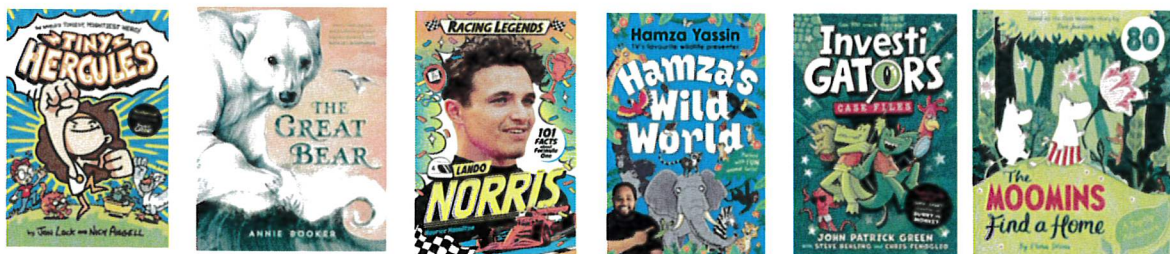
Top Children's Books of 2025

Pan MacMillan have reviewed the best recommended books for children.

Best Book for 3-5 year-olds

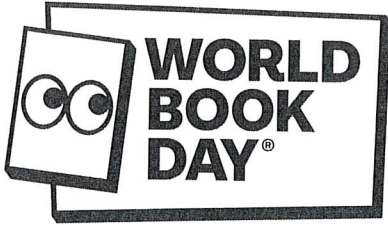


Best Books for 6-8 year-olds



Best Books for 9-12 year-olds





DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN COMPETITION

DESIGN YOUR GIFT CARD HERE

Printing in bulk for your class? Fill in your details below before printing off copies!

Please print clearly

CHILD'S FULL NAME:

CHILD'S AGE:

Your relationship to the child: Teacher/librarian/other school staff Parent/carer Other (please specify)

YOUR NAME:

SCHOOL NAME: (Please state if you're home-schooling, or leave blank if you're a parent/carer)

TOWN/CITY:

COUNTRY: United Kingdom Ireland

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:

By signing, you give permission for the above-named child to enter the competition. For full terms and conditions, visit www.worldbookday.com

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